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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1977

## MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

THE SECRETARY OF LABOR

THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF NATIONAL AERONAUTICS
AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

THE HONORABLE JAMES R. SCHLESINGER

- ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Spring Planning Reviews

The primary purpose of the Spring Planning Reviews is to provide an opportunity for me to discuss with you personally the major issues surrounding the development of the budget for fiscal year 1979. Prior to your scheduled session, Office of Management and Budget staff will advise you of the specific issues to be discussed relative to your agency. The actual Spring Planning Review binders, around which the discussions will be based, will be delivered to you a few days before the session.

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In addition to a discussion of the major issues, however, I would also like for you to spend a few minutes describing your own experience in the zero-base budgeting efforts in your agency. In particular, I would like to know the status of:

-- identification of objectives,

-- determination of decision units,

-- involvement of key policy officials in the process, and

-- use of decision packages and ranking process as essential elements of your 1979 budget decision-making process.

I look forward to this opportunity to discuss with you the priorities and direction to be established for your agency in the upcoming budget.

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